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Senate

The Senate met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, Creator of the world, Ruler over all life, our Adonai, Sovereign Lord of our life, we join with our Jewish friends in celebrating Rosh Hashanah, "the head of the year," the beginning of the days of awe and repentance, a time of reconciliation with You and one another. We thank You that we are all united in our need to repent, to return to our real selves for an honest inventory, and then to return to You with a humble and contrite heart. Forgive our sins of omission: The words and deeds You called us to do and we neglected, our bland condoning of prejudice and hatred, and our toleration of injustice in our society. Forgive our sins of commission: The times we turned away from Your clear and specific guidance, and the times we knowingly rebelled against Your management of our lives and Your righteousness in our Nation. O, God, sound the shofar in our souls, blow the trumpets, and wake our somnolent spirits. Arouse us and call us to spiritual regeneration. Awaken us to our accountability to You for our lives, and our leadership of this Nation. We thank You for Your atoning grace and for the opportunity for a new beginning.

Help the Jews and Christians called to serve in this Senate, the Senators' staffs, and the whole support team of the Senate to celebrate our unity under Your sovereignty and exemplify to our Nation the oneness of a shared commitment to You. In Your holy name. Amen.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The able majority leader of the Senate, Senator DOLE, is recognized.

Mr. DOLE. I thank the President pro tempore.

SCHEDULE

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, leader time is reserved, and there will be a period of morning business now until 3 p.m. There will be no rollcall votes today, and any votes ordered will be stacked to begin starting at 2:15 tomorrow.

At around 4 o'clock today, Senator BUMPERS of Arkansas will offer a space station amendment. We do hope to have amendments throughout the day, and votes on those amendments will be ordered and set aside until tomorrow, so that some of our colleagues who have a holiday today will not miss votes. We will have votes starting at 2:15 tomorrow.

Let me repeat as I did on Friday, if we are able to complete the three remaining appropriations bills this week: VA, HUD; Labor, HHS; Commerce, Justice, State, and the continuing resolution, then we would be in recess until Tuesday, October 10.

Now, it is going to be very difficult because these are rather major appropriations bills. As the distinguished Senator from West Virginia knows, these are the big ones, three of the biggest ones, and there are some contentious issues in each one. I believe, if we have cooperation on both sides of the aisle, we can accomplish this. I have been working with the Democratic leader, Senator DASCHLE. He certainly has been helpful, and I appreciate that very much.

So I say to my colleagues, if we can complete action on the three appropriations bills—not the conference reports but complete Senate action—and

the continuing resolution, then there would be a period from this Friday until Tuesday, October 10, which again would accommodate many of our colleagues because of holidays again next week.

I reserve the remainder of my time and yield the floor.

MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. There will now be a period for morning business not to extend beyond the hour of 3 p.m. with Senators permitted to speak therein for not to exceed 5 minutes each.

Under the previous order, the Senator from Utah [Mr. BENNETT] is recognized to speak for up to 45 minutes.

The able Senator from Utah, Senator BENNETT.

(Mr. KEMPTHORNE assumed the chair.)

Mr. BENNETT. I thank the Chair.

I appreciate the opportunity to take some time now. I apologize in advance for the state of my voice. Like many of our colleagues, I have sustained something of a cold or perhaps worse over the weekend. I am delighted we had the weekend so I got some rest and was able to recuperate a little bit. But if my voice gets a little raspy, Mr. President, I assure you there is no intention to do anything but communicate.

TAX REFORM

Mr. BENNETT. When I recently congratulated our colleague from Delaware, Senator ROTH, on his ascension to the chairmanship of the Finance Committee, he was gracious enough to tell me that he would welcome my ideas as the committee begins to deal with tax reform. I do have some ideas I would like to share with Chairman ROTH, and I will take the opportunity within the morning business period

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